GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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NETWORK FOR MIGRATION OF SIBERIAN CRANES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a consensus has been reached on international level among certain countries including India for creating a network for easy migration of Siberian cranes and other migratory acquatic birds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that there is pond having an area on nine hundred eighty nine (989) bighas in gramsabha, Jamuawa, block Thekama, district Ajamgarh of Uttar Pradesh in which there is a roost of migratory birds and Siberian crane in winter season from November to March; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to develop the said pond as bird sanctuary and to stop the illegal poaching of migratory birds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(A) & (B) Yes, Sir. A meeting to endorse the proposed Western/Central Asian Site Network for Siberian Cranes (and other waterbirds) was held on 13th June, 2005 at New Delhi. The Western/Central Asian Site Network Committee would comprise of 9 countries including India. 21 sites have been identified for the network. A "Site Network Reviewing Working Group" comprising of some Range States including India has also been constituted.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is a Jamuawa Pond in Jamuawa Gram Sabha of Thekhama Block in Ajamgarh District, where a number of migratory birds visit during winter but no Siberian Cranes have been spotted in previous years.

(d) As reported by the State Government there is no proposal to make that pond as Wildlife Sanctuary (Bird Sanctuary). However regular patrolling is done by the field staff to check any incidence of poaching of these migratory birds.